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ARA/LA/MRSD O'GRADY PASS TO AFL-CIO AND AIFLD/W

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SUBJ: AIFLD SITUATION

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1. SITUATION AS REGARDS AIFLD PERMISSION TO CONDUCT
IN-COUNTRY SEMINARS CONTINUES CONFUSED.

2. EARLY IN WEEK VALPARAISO PROVINCE INTENDANT GAVE
WRITTEN PERMISSION TO CONCON PETROLEUM WORKERS UNION

TO HAVE AIFLD-SPONSORED SEMINAR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1.
ON AUGUST 28 UNION RECEIVED LETTER FROM INTERIOR
MINISTRY DENYING PERMISSION FOR THAT SEMINAR.

3. TWO MAJOR LABOR LEADERS WHO HAD BEEN DENIED PER-
MISSION TO HOLD AIFLD-SPONSORED SEMINARS REPORTED TO US
THAT UNDER SEC. LABOR RIBALTA TOLD THEM AUGUST 27 THAT
LABOR MINISTER DIAZ HAD MADE BAD DECISION IN DENYING
PERMISSION FOR SEMINARS, AND THAT POLICY WAS "TEMPORARY."
ONE OF LEADERS REPORTED RIBALTA SAID TWO AFL-CIO
REPRESENTATIVES WHO WERE INFORMED OF DECISION WERE (AS
SUGGESTED PARA 5 REFTEL B) RCIA O'KEEFE AND FIET FOSTER.

4. ADCM AUGUST 27 CALLED ON FON MIN ACTING DIRECTOR
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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SANCHEZ TO MAKE LOW-KEY INQUIRY
ABOUT SITUATIONM ADCM SAID THAT NO ONE IN USG OR AIFLD/CHILE
HAD BEEN INFORMED ABOUT DECISION TO SUSPEND SEMINARS,
AND THAT COUNTRY PROGRAM DIRECTOR CAMPOS HAD MADE RE-

PEATED UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH
UNDER SEC RIBALTA. SANCHEZ SAID HE WOULD SEE THAT
CAMPOS GOT APPOINTMENT WITH RESPONSIBLE LABOR MINISTRY
OFFICIAL, AFTER WHICH HE AND EMBOFF COULD SPEAK AGAIN.
ADCM HAD IMPRESSION SANCHEZ WAS FAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT.

5. COMMENT: IT NOW APPEARS THAT MINISTER DIAZ'S
DECISION WAS MADE WITH LITTLE REGARD FOR PROPRIETY
OR CONSEQUENCES. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR ATTEMPTS TO
CLARIFY SITUATION. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY TO
REFTEL A.
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